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**For Immediate Release**

**Excise Officers Arrest 21, Cite Bar in Muncie**

**MUNCIE, Ind. (Oct. 28)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 21 people on 34 charges and cited one business while patrolling on and around the Ball State University campus in Muncie on Saturday.

Excise officers arrested 17 minors for illegal possession of alcohol, minor transporting alcohol, operating while intoxicated, possession of false ID, minor in tavern, open container violation and various traffic offenses.

They arrested four adults for furnishing alcohol to minors and various traffic violations.

Excise officers also cited BMW, 206 E. Willard Street, after the bar was found to be operating on an expired permit. BMW was also preliminarily charged with purchasing alcohol from other than a wholesaler and possession of liquor on a beer-and-wine permit. Officers will file a report with the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission concerning these alleged violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Code. Unable to serve anymore alcoholic beverages, the bar closed for the evening.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

*All criminal and administrative-law defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*